

# \$7200 Cash Robbery Loot Found in Suitcase



**STROH AND DOUGH . . .** Police Chief John Stroh counts \$7200 in cash, part of the loot of the recent \$30,000 holdup here, recovered when police found the money stashed in an expensive hand-carved bag stored in a shed in Long Beach.

## Find \$7200 Robbery Loot in L. B. Shack

Torrance police, acting on an FBI tip, followed a little green trail Thursday to a chicken coop in Long Beach to recover \$7200 in cash believed to be part of the loot of the recent \$30,000 holdup here.

Detective Captain Ernie Ashton, accompanied by a Long Beach officer found the loot in an expensive hand-carved luggage set in a ramshackle little shed. The money, all in \$20 bills and smaller, was zipped in a small bag inside the larger Mexican hand-tooled grip. The police recovered the robbery loot from a shelf in a splintery shed in the rear of the home of a sister of William McNally, one of the suspects in the big robbery.

**Kept It a Secret**  
McNally, 25-year-old ex-convict who is scheduled to be arraigned in the South Bay Municipal Court on Wednesday, asked his sister to store the bags for him but did not tell her that the \$7200 was stashed in one of the suitcases.

The loot added to the \$6000 recovered when Washington police nabbed Donald Madling, another suspect in the holdup, brings to approximately \$13,000 the money recovered from Torrance's biggest robbery which occurred on April 2. Det. Capt. Ashton said that extradition papers were now in the governor's office in Sacramento and that as soon as they were returned here, he probably would fly to Sedro Woolley, Wash., to return here with Madling.

**Fugitive Wanted**  
Still sought as one of the suspects in the case is Paul Franks, 32, also an ex-convict, who is believed to be hiding in the east. The big robbery occurred in the afternoon of April 2 as Joe Alden, 35-year-old manager of ENESCO, a cooperative credit union of workers at the National Supply Co. was returning to his office with a brief case loaded with \$30,000 with which he intended to cash employee payroll checks. He told officers he was jumped, slugged, and robbed by three men.

**Awaiting Sentence**  
Alden himself is in jail awaiting sentence for embezzlement. After he was robbed he realized that an audit would reveal a shortage of cash which he admitted taking from the union funds. He, too, is due in court on Wednesday to enter a plea. A recently completed audit of the credit union's funds indicate that approximately \$2500 is unaccounted for which is considered.

## Mendez to Play 5 Famous Solos With Youth Band

The "world's greatest trumpeter," Rafael Mendez, will play five of his most famous solos when he appears as guest soloist with the Torrance Area Youth Band at their Seventh Anniversary Concert in the Civic Auditorium on Tuesday, May 19. Also appearing on the program.



**It's the Law!**  
According to City Ordinance No. 227, it is unlawful for anyone to hold, conduct or address any assemblage, meeting or gathering of persons, or to deliver any public speech, lecture or discourse, or to take part in any public debate or discussion in any public park, street or alley in the City of Torrance with out a permit first granted by the City Council, violations punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or 50 days in jail, or both.

## Man Threatens To Crash Plane Into Motel, Bar

His efforts thwarted to crash his airplane into a Torrance motel where his wife was employed, a 35-year-old mechanic yesterday lay in critical condition in the Harbor General Hospital after taking a quantity of drugs and poison.

Under observation in the hospital is Connie Kincaid of 3203 Criklewood Ave., Pacific Hills, who threatened to kill at least three persons and then took poison after his wife served him with divorce proceedings.

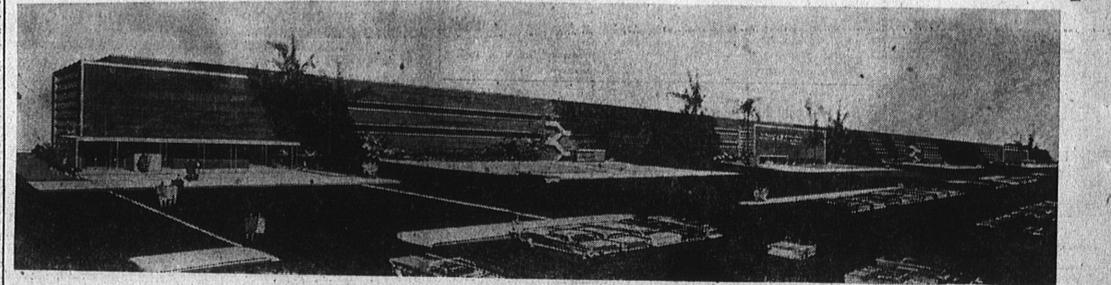
**Attempted Take Off**  
The young pilot attempted to take off from the Torrance Municipal Airport Thursday night to carry out a threat that he would crash his plane into the Halfway House, a cocktail lounge and motel on the airport, where his wife, Ethel, is employed as a waitress.

Earlier the same night he entered the bar, became belligerent, and was evicted. During the ensuing scuffle, Leo Grendler, one of the owners, sustained a broken finger.

**Try Thwarted**  
Ed Dietrich, manager of the Airport, heard of Kincaid's threat and parked a large crash truck in front of his Bellanca airplane so that he could not take off. The next morning Dietrich found the window of the wrecker had been broken and an attempt made to move it. Kincaid's airplane was damaged when he attempted to get it into taxiing position.

Friday night police officers Leo Gonzales and John Hahn were summoned to take Kincaid to the hospital after it was discovered he had taken a number of nembutal pills. His physician told the hospital that the amount of pills he had prescribed for the victim was not sufficient to cause death. Medical reports indicated that Kincaid apparently had also swallowed a quantity of ant poison.

# Man Loses Both Hands, Critical Confirm Million \$ Douglas Expansion Story



**NEW DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FOR TORRANCE PLANT**  
Company Announces Plans for Building to Cost \$1,082,000 to be Located at 190th St. and Normandie Ave.

Douglas Aircraft Co. announced yesterday that construction of an administration building costing \$1,082,000 will be started immediately at 190th St. and Normandie Ave. The announcement confirms an exclusive story in the Thursday Torrance Herald saying such a project was planned.

Spokesmen for the huge aircraft company said yesterday that the project will involve the rehabilitation of a structure used during World War II by Alumin-

um Company of America, for whom the plant was built. The new building will be three stories high, 936 feet long, and will contain 102,000 square feet. Contractor Paul W. Speer of Beverly Hills is expected to complete the job in October.

Originally a windowless brick shell without staircases, the building housed rectifiers used in the manufacturing of aluminum, Van Dyke and Barnes, Los Angeles architect and engineer.

When rehabilitated it will house the employment department, reception lobby, general offices, and executive offices. It also will contain the medical examination department, first-aid facilities, X-ray equipment, and dispensary.

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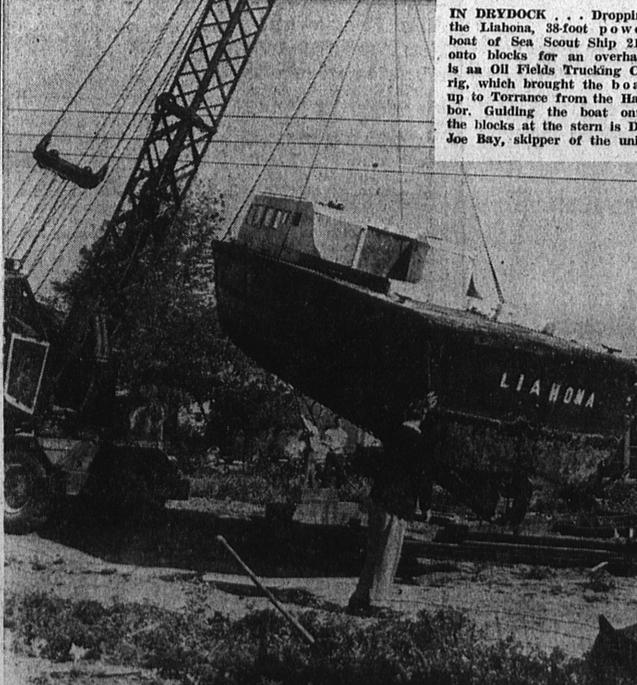
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## Sea Scout Unit Gets Power Boat

Sea Scout Ship 217-S, sponsored by the Torrance Optimist Club, unloaded a 38-foot power boat onto dry land yesterday morning and began scraping the barnacles which had collected on the hull of the boat which had been in the water for the past year.

Brought to the home of Optimist Dave Figueredo at 1730 Date Ave. by an Oil Fields Trucking Co. rig, the nine-ton boat was shored up and members of the Scout unit under their skipper, Dr. Joe Bay, began overhauling the craft.

"We hope to have it back in the water by the end of June," Dr. Bay said yesterday. The Scout unit, which has 15 members, has a sailboat in the back yard of the Shinoda residence at Normandie Blvd. and Hickory Ave. undergoing repairs at the present time.

Four boys of the Scout Ship have received the Order of the Arrow, an honorary award made for civic work, the latest being Frank Gunn, who received the honor at a Camporee last week-end.

## Vet's Center Moves to New Headquarters

Effecting an economy move, the Veteran's Service Center will open tomorrow in its new quarters at 1622 Gramery Ave., corner of Cravens Ave., according to Mrs. Helen K. Dill, director.

Mrs. Dill, who has been director of the Center since it opened in Torrance in 1945, said the Community Chest agency would continue to register draft eligible men under the jurisdiction of Local 117 of the Selective Service. The Center, formerly located at 1103 Sartori Ave, also would continue to aid veterans and their dependents seeking the various veteran benefits.

Assisting in relocating the Veteran's Service Center were Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, and Cy Weber, city license inspector, both of whom served as committeemen under the Community Chest. Other Community Chest agencies located in the former Sartori Ave. headquarters will operate out of other district headquarters or will announce the opening of local headquarters at a future date, Mrs. Dill stated.

## Over Populated Fourth District May Be Pared

The Fourth Supervisorial District, of which Torrance is a part, may lose some of its densely populated areas to less populated districts.

The deputies in the five Los Angeles County Supervisorial districts were instructed to come up with a plan by July 1 to equalize the population load in the five districts.

The First, Fourth and Fifth Districts have out-paced the remaining two districts in population increases.

While Torrance is in the Fourth District, it is unlikely that the city will be shifted to another district since it lies in the approximate center of Supervisor Chace's district, Ernest Winter, Chace's field deputy, said Friday.

The Fourth District will lose approximately 135,000 residents if the load is to be equalized. The First will be pared down by 172,000 residents and the Fifth by 88,000. No major changes in the (Continued on Page 2)

## Man Critical After Losing Both Hands

Still on the critical list late yesterday after he lost both hands in an accident at the National Electric Co. plant in Lomita Thursday was Floyd Beck, 51, of the Lomita Hotel.

Attendants at Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital, where he was taken Friday following emergency treatment at Harbor General Hospital, said his condition was "slightly improved but still serious."

Beck was injured when his gloves became entangled in a wire plating machine. The huge rollers crushed one arm almost to the elbow and injured the other to the elbow before the machine could be halted and the victim extricated, it was indicated.

The plant is located at 2750 W. Lomita Blvd.

**Weather**  
Forecast for Sunday, May 3, is clear today and tonight. It will be continued warm with a high temperature today around 82 degrees.

## Local Postmen Join Walk for Cerebral Palsy

The Torrance Branch 2207 of the National Association of Letter Carriers has joined the 57 other associations in Los Angeles County that will participate in the Postman's Walk for United Cerebral Palsy for Los Angeles County, which will be held from 6 to 9 o'clock p.m. on May 7, according to Earl Sumpter, local branch chairman.

Each participating letter carrier will retrace his route on that night to accept contributions to the United Cerebral Palsy fund. Each person who desires to contribute will let his postman know by leaving his porch light on. For those living in apartments, the signal will be a necktie or stocking placed on the doorknob.

Last year the N.A.L.C. collected \$18,000 with 25 associations participating. This year, with the 58 in-county associations and three out of county groups taking part, the N.A.L.C. hopes to raise over a quarter of a million dollars for the cerebral palsy fund.

## Alden Trial Postponed

Joe Alden, confessed embezzler of \$7228 in funds of the National Supply Employees Credit Union, is scheduled to enter his plea in a Los Angeles Superior court on Wednesday.

He was slated to enter his plea last Thursday, but the hearing was postponed until May 6.

## Father of Editor In Local Hospital

Don G. Baldwin, superintendent of the Grease and Lubricating plant for the General Petroleum Corp. and father of Jack O. Baldwin, editor of the Torrance Herald, was confined to the Torrance Memorial Hospital Friday for observation pending possible abdominal surgery.



**DISCUSS MARCH . . .** Postmen planning to retrace their routes in recent donations for master Clara A. Conner. Left to right are M. E. Turling, J. R. G., and Earl Sumpter, chairman of the drive in Torrance.

(Herald Photo)